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Reissue Applications

The amendment filed June 15, 1998 proposes amendments to claims 80-91 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. More precisely, claims 80-91 were newly added and do not underline the claim language in its entirety. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

It is noted that the June 15, 1998 amendment was not matched with the application file until after the mailing of the Office action of Paper No. 6 (mailed September 29, 1998). As noted above, the June 15, 1998 amendment fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b). Upon applicant's submission of a properly executed amendment adding claims 80-91, a supplemental Office action which treats all the claims as will be mailed. If the Office action is not an allowance, the action will be non-final.

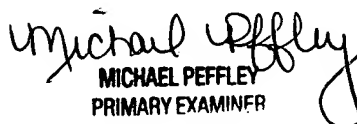
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In the event the examiner can not be reached or is absent from the Office, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak, can be reached at (703) 308-0994.

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